

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
JAN 07 2004

4001

**LAW OFFICES OF  
McGINN & GIBB, PLLC**

A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW  
8321 OLD COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 200  
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22182-3817  
TELEPHONE: (703) 761-4100  
FACSIMILE/DATA: (703) 761-2375; 761-2376  
E-MAIL: MCGINN@AOL.COM

SEAN M. MCGINN  
PHILLIP E. MILLER†  
FREDERICK E. COOPERRIDER†  
PETER A. BALNAVE, Ph.D.  
FREDERIC J. ZIMMERMAN†  
JAMES E. HOWARD†  
JAMES N. DRESSER  
JOHN J. DRESCH  
† MEMBER OF BAR OTHER THAN VA

ANNAPOLIS, MD OFFICE  
FREDERICK W. GIBB, III  
MOHAMMAD S. RAHMANT

January 7, 2004

**OFFICIAL**

**VIA FACSIMILE**

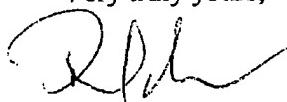
To:	Examiner Susy N. Tsang Foster	Facsimile No.: (703) 872-9306
	Group Art Unit No. 1745	
	U.S.P.T.O.	
From:	Phillip E. Miller	Facsimile No.: (703) 761-2375 or 76
Re:	Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/018,020 Our Reference: NGB.076	

Dear Examiner Tsang Foster:

Enclosed is an Amendment, which is responsive to the October 17, 2003 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

PEM/tm  
Enclosure

Total No. of Pages Transmitted: 16 1